The London Ladies Vindication
OF
TOP-KNOTS:

With the many Reasons that She shows for the Continuation of the same: As also proving Men to be as Proud as themselves.

To the Tune of, Here I Love, there I Love: Or, The two English Travellers. Licensed according to Order.

YOung Women and Damsels that love to go fine,
Come listen a while to this Ditty of mine;
In spight of all Poets, brave Girls, we will wear
Our Towers and Topknots, with Powdered Hair.

I am a young Woman 'tis very well known,
And I am resolv'd to make use of my own;
In spight of all Poets, brave Girls we will wear
A Tower and Topknot, with Powdered Hair.

They talk of a Calf which was seen in our Days,
Yet let us take Courage, Girls, nevertheless
In spight of those Rumours, we'll constantly wear
Rich Towers with Topknots, and Powdered Hair.

We are not such Fools to believe what they say,
'Tis fit that young Women should go fine and gay,
In spight of their Bugbears, brave Girls, let us wear
Rich Towers and Topknots, with Powdered Hair.

Were we to be Ruled by some sort of Men,
We should go like Women of Fourteen and Ten,
In spight of those Coxcombs, brave Girls we will wear
Rich Towers and Topknots with Powdered Hair.

Like Beautiful Angels we strive to appear,
The Hearts of our Husbands in order to cheer,
Then what is the Reason that we may not wear
Rich Towers and Topknots, with Powdered Hair?

If we are the Pleasure and Joy of their Life,
Pray when can they take more delight in a Wife,
Then at the same time when rich Garments they wear,
With Towers and Topknots, &c.

We see the young Misses and Jilts of the Town,
Have fix Stories high, as they walk up and down:
Then pray tell me why should not honest Wifes wear
Rich Towers and Topknots, &c.

If we an't as Fine and as Gaudy as they,
Who knows but our Husbands might soon run astray;
Consider this Women, and still let us wear
Our Towers and Topknots, &c.

It is but a Folly to tell us of Pride,
While we have these Arguments still on our side;
As long as we live, we will flourishing wear
Rich Towers and Topknots, &c.

Nay further I'll tell ye the case it is thus,
That all is not sav'd which is put in the Purse;
A Shop-keeper's Lady the utters much Ware,
When dress'd in her Topknots, &c.

What Man would not have his Wife richly Array'd,
When as he well knows it enlarges his Trade:
Come, come, I must tell ye, 'tis fit we should wear
Rich Towers and Topknots, &c.

Sometimes when our Husbands are out of the way,
Pray tell me what Huffing young Gallants will flay,
If that a fine Delicate Wife was not there?
Then Hey for the Topknots and Powdered Hair.

Some young men may flout us, yet mark what I say,
There's no Woman living now Prouder than they;
Observe but the many Knick-Knacks which they wear,
More costly than Topknots, or Powdered Hair.

Their Wigg, Watch, and Rapiers we daily behold,
And Embroidered Waistcoats of Silver and Gold,
Likewise, Turn up Stockings, they constantly wear,
More costly than Topknots, or Powdered Hair.

If Pride be a sin and a folly, why then
Han't we a far better Example from Men?
If Gaudy Apparel those Gallants do wear,
We will have our Topknots and Powdered Hair.

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